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AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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AFDROUGHT

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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF OVERLAND GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM
ALGERIA INTO NIGER

SUMMARY: IN RECENT CABLE, AID/W HAS ASKED NIAMEY TO
CONSIDER CONTINGENCY FOOD AIR LIFT PLANNING FOR NIGER
WITHOUT DISCUSSING MATTER WITH GON. AS POSSIBLE ALTER-
NATIVE TO COSTLY AIRLIFT, EMBASSY REQUESTED PROVIDE
INFORMATION USE OF ALGIERS AND OVERLAND SHIPMENTS FROM
ALGIERS TO AGADEZ AND ARLIT OF UP TO AS MUCH AS 5,000
TONS DURING A THREE-MONTH PERIOD, IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

1. IN LOU CABLE RECEIVED IN NIAMEY APRIL 22, AID/W ASKS
NIAMEY TO ANALYZE POSSIBLE AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR
NIGER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WITHOUT RAISING QUESTION
WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

2. AS PART OF SUCH ANALYSIS, NIGER COUNTRY TEAM FOOD
TASK FORCE RECENTLY CONCLUDED THAT THE POSSIBILITY
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OF OVERLAND SHIPMENTS FROM ALGIERS TO AGADEZ AND TO

ARLIT IN NORTHERN NIGER SHOULD BE EXPLORED. SUCH SHIPMENTS APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE AS WITNESS RECENT TEN-TRUCK 200-TON FOOD CONVOYS FROM ALGERIA TO GAO OBSERVED BY RDO/NIAMEY OVER EASTER. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM ROME THAT HEAVY TRUCKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL FROM ALGERIA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LAST YEAR GON'S NATIONAL CEREALS OFFICE (OPVN) HAD ONE ALGERIAN QUOTATION OF \$240 PER TON OVERLAND TRUCKING TO AGADEZ.

3. WE HAVE IN MIND THAT ADD-ON ALLOCATIONS OF S.F. GRITS FOR NIGER OF UP TO 5,000 TONS MIGHT BE SHIPPED TO THE PORT OF ALGIERS AND THEN TRANSPORTED OVERLAND BY TRUCK CONVOY, AS ALTERNATIVE MORE COSTLY AIRLIFT. ALTERNATIVELY, OTHER DONORS MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. EMBASSY ALGIERS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING: A) POSSIBILITY OF SHIPPING INTO THE PORT OF ALGIERS; B) LIKELY AVAILABILITY AND COST OF OVERLAND TRUCK TRANSPORT FROM ALGIERS TO AGADEZ AND TO ARLIT; C) TO WHAT EXTENT TRANSPORT IS CONSIDERED FEASIBLE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.

5. SUGGEST THAT INQUIRIES BE KEPT ON LOW KEY. PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO NIAMEY, REPEAT INFO OTHER ADDRESSEES.

6. IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT FEASIBLE, GORDON PROUTY, RFFPO, COULD TDY FOR A FEW DAYS IN ALGIERS ON ROUTE FROM PARIS TO NIAMEY NEXT WEEK.
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